

**A proclamation diuised by the kynges highnes, with thaduise of his most  
honourable counsaile, for the restraynte of shootyng in handgunnes.**



**W**here the kyng our moste Dyd soueraigne lord, considering how expedient it was to haue his louyng subiectes practised and exercised in the seate of shootyng of handgunnes and hagbushes, as well for the defence of this his highnes realme and other his realmes and dominions, as for the annouaunce of his maiestees enemies in time of warre and hostilitie, dyd by his highnesse proclamation set forth, by the aduise of his maiestees counsell, accoꝝdyng to the act and statute made at Westminster the .xxviii. daie of April, in the .xxxi. yere of his most gracious reigne, graue lycence and libertie to all his maiestees subiectes, boꝝne within his graces dominions, being of the age of .xvi. yeres, and vpwardes, That they and euery of them, from and after the saied proclamation made, might laufullly shoote in handgunnes and hagbushes, without incurrng any forfaiture losse oꝝ daunger for the same: any statute therof made befoꝝe to the contrary notwithstanding, as by the same proclamation moꝝe at large dooth and maie appeere. For as much as it hath pleased god to remoue from vs the plague of warre, and to sende vnto vs a ryght honourable and profitable peace, whiche (by goddes grace) shall continue to his gloꝝy, and to the honour and suretie of his maiestee and his succession, and to the quiete and benefyte of this realme: His moste royall maiestee therfoꝝe by this his highnesse present proclamation, sette forth by the aduise of his maiestees counsaile, accoꝝdyng to the act aboue mencioned, dooeth not only make boꝝde the saied foꝝmer proclamation, but also straightly chargeth and commaundeth all and syngular his maiestees subiectes, that they oꝝ any of them, from the laste daie of August next commyng, shall not shoote in any handgounnes, hagbushes, oꝝ other gunnes, noꝝ vse oꝝ haue the same contrarie to the tenour fourme and effecte of his graciouslye lawe and statute made in the parlyament begunne at Westminster the .xvi. daie of Januarie, and continued vntill the fyrst daie of April, in the .xxxi. yere of his moste gracious reigne: Excepte any of his saied louyng subiectes haue his graces lycence vnder his great Seale for the same, oꝝ otherwyselycenced oꝝ auctoꝝysed by the same statute made the fyrst daie of April, in the saied .xxxi. yere of his saied mooste gracious reygne, vppon the peyne of the forfaiture mencioned in the same Statute. Wyllyng and commaundyng all and syngular Iustices of the peace, Mayres, Shyreffes, Bayllyffes, Constables, and all other his maiestees officers, mynisters, and subiectes, to haue speciall regarde to the due execution of this proclamation, as they tender his maiestees pleasure, and wolle aunswere for the contrarie at theyꝝ perilles.

**God saue the kyng.**

*Tho. Berthelet regius impressor excudit,  
Cum privilegio ad imprimenda solum.*